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| For: POWER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM |) | | |

SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The Applicants request that the following amendment be entered prior to an action on the merits.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

B1 [3] United Kingdom Patent Application No. 9720856.5 describes a system in which devices which would benefit from being connected in a network or would normally be connected in a network are each provided with a small radio transmitter and controller which enables them to determine other objects in their vicinity which perform functions which would be of benefit to them. For example, a hand-held data organizer could download a set of telephone numbers to the internal storage of a telephone if both fitted with devices of this type.

[9] Power conservation in existing microprocessor systems is normally centralized and based on simple procedures such as time-outs and local usage monitoring. For example, in a personal computer disk drives may be switched into a low power state if no keyboard or mouse activity is detected within a predetermined time interval. This interval is normally chosen to reflect human usage patterns. It requires little change to the rest of the system but has a very coarse grained